AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for initiating uplink signaling by a UE receiving a multimedia multicast/broadcast service (MBMS), the method comprising steps of:

(a) receiving information including an indication indicating one of UE counting and establishment of a point-to-point channel used by the MBMS over a MBMS control channel;

(b) in case a UE is in IDLE mode upon receiving the information including the received indication, transmitting, by the UE, an uplink signaling message for an RRC (Radio ~~Resource~~Resource Control) Connection establishment constructed using the received indication; and

(c) receiving, by the UE, a response message in response to the uplink signaling message.

2.   (Canceled)

3.   (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, ~~further comprising~~ wherein step (b) further comprises:

in case the UE is in CELL_FACH, CELL_PCH, or URA_PCH mode upon receiving the information including the received indication, transmitting, by the UE, an uplink signaling message for a Cell Update constructed using the received indication.

4.   (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein ~~for the UE that is in CELL_FACH, CELL_PCH or URA_PCH mode, a message included in~~ said uplink signaling message for a Cell Update [[is]]comprises a Cell Update message.

5.   (Canceled)

6.   (Currrently Amended) The method according to claim 1, ~~wherein for the UE in IDLE mode, a message included in~~ said uplink signaling message <u>for an</u> <u>RRC Connection establishment</u> [[is]]<u>comprises</u> an RRC Connection Request message.

7.   (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 4, wherein a value for a field named "Reason for cell update" included in the Cell Update message is set as "For MBMS channel parameters".

8.   (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 4, wherein [[the]]<u>a</u> value for [[the]]<u>a</u> field named "Reason for cell update" in the Cell Update message is set as "For MBMS PtP mode".

9.   (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 4, wherein [[the]]<u>a</u> value for [[the]]<u>a</u> field named "Reason for cell update" in the Cell Update message is set as "For MBMS UE counting".

10.   (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein a value for a field named "Reason for connection establishment" in the RRC Connection Request message is set as "MBMS channel parameter".

11.   (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein [[the]]<u>a</u> value for [[the]]<u>a</u> field named "Reason for connection establishment " in the RRC Connection Request message is set as "MBMS PtP mode".

12.   (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein [[the]]<u>a</u> value for [[the]]<u>a</u> field named [[the]] "Reason for connection Establishment" in the RRC Connection Request message is set as "For MBMS UE counting".

13.   (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein further comprising steps of:

sending a Radio Link Establishment Request message by a SRNC to a DRNC if an Iur interface exists and a reason for cell update included in said uplink signaling message is set as "For MBMS PtP mode".

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, wherein further comprising steps of:

adding the UE into a context of the MBMS by the DRNC by adding a number of participating UEs by 1 after receiving the Radio Link Establishment Request message, and if the increase of the number of participating UEs makes a channel type of the MBMS change from PtP to PtM, the DRNC sending a Radio Link Establishment Failure message to the SRNC.

16. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein further comprising steps of:

keeping the UE in CELL_FACH state and sending a Common Transport Channel Resource Initialization message to the DRNC by the SRNC if the Iur interface exists and the SRNC knows that a destination cell under the DRNC uses PtM as the channel type of the MBMS.

17. (Currently Amended) A multimedia multicast/broadcast service (MBMS) user equipment (UE) for initiating uplink signaling, the UE comprising:

a receiver for receiving information including an indication indicating one of UE counting and establishment of a point-to-point channel used by the MBMS over the MBMS control channel and for receiving a response message in response to an uplink signaling message; and

a transmitter for, in case the UE is in IDLE mode upon receiving the information including the received indication, transmitting the uplink signaling

message for a̲n RRC (Radio R̶e̶s̶o̶u̶r̶c̶e̶Resource Control) Connection establishment constructed̲ using the received indication.

18.   (Currently Amended) The UE according to claim 17, wherein the transmitter, in case the UE is in CELL_FACH, CELL_PCH, or URA_PCH mode upon receiving the information including the received indication, transmits the uplink signaling message for a Cell Update using the received indication.

19.   (Currently Amended) The UE according to claim 17, i̶n̶ ̶c̶a̶s̶e̶ ̶a̶ ̶U̶E̶ ̶i̶s̶ ̶i̶n̶ I̶D̶L̶E̶ ̶m̶o̶d̶e̶,̶ wherein the uplink signaling message for an̲ RRC Connection establishment includes a cause corresponding to the received indication.

20.   (Currently Amended) The UE according to claim 18, i̶n̶ ̶c̶a̶s̶e̶ ̶t̶h̶e̶ ̶U̶E̶ ̶i̶s̶ i̶n̶ ̶C̶E̶L̶L̶_̶F̶A̶C̶H̶,̶ ̶C̶E̶L̶L̶_̶P̶C̶H̶ ̶o̶r̶ ̶U̶R̶A̶_̶P̶C̶H̶ ̶m̶o̶d̶e̶,̶ wherein the uplink s̶i̶g̶n̶a̶l̶l̶i̶n̶g̶ signaling̲ message for a̲ Cell Update includes a cause corresponding to the received indication.

21.   (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, i̶n̶ ̶c̶a̶s̶e̶ ̶ ̶U̶E̶ ̶i̶s̶ i̶n̶ ̶I̶D̶L̶E̶ ̶m̶o̶d̶e̶,̶ wherein the uplink signaling message for an̲ RRC Connection establishment includes a cause corresponding to the received indication.

22.   (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 3, i̶n̶ ̶c̶a̶s̶e̶ ̶t̶h̶e̶ ̶U̶E̶ i̶s̶ ̶i̶n̶ ̶C̶E̶L̶L̶_̶F̶A̶C̶H̶,̶ ̶C̶E̶L̶L̶_̶P̶C̶H̶ ̶o̶r̶ ̶U̶R̶A̶_̶P̶C̶H̶ ̶m̶o̶d̶e̶,̶ wherein the uplink signaling message for a̲ Cell Update includes a cause corresponding to the received indication.